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Mayor Tom Barrett released the following statement regarding today's announcement by the state legislators regarding MPS governance:

"I applaud and thank the legislators who have stepped up and embraced the need for change in MPS. The proposal put forward today is a thoughtful and well-crafted plan that moves us closer to real and positive reform. We need reform that puts strong leadership, students and accountability at the top of the priority list.

Senators Taylor and Plale and Representatives Colon, Fields and Richards are to be commended for their efforts in moving MPS in a new and positive direction. I look forward to working with them and their colleagues as we move the MPS reform agenda to a vote. "